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contacting injured cells with ascorbic acid or a salt of ascorbic acid.

[Please amend claim 2 as follows:]

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said cellular injury is manifested by the disruption of proliferation, mitochondrial function, Na⁺-K⁺-ATPase protein expression, Na⁺-K⁺-ATPase protein activity and active Na⁺ transport.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

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11. (Amended) A method of cell recovery following cellular injury in an individual in need of such treatment, comprising the step of:
administering a therapeutically effective amount of ascorbic acid or salt of ascorbic acid to said individual.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said cellular injury is manifested by the disruption of proliferation,